



2026 SUMMER HOKKAIDO LAVENDER HIGHLIGHTS

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Tour #3: July 08 – 19, 2026 • Tour Manager: Jackie Wehrfritz

VISIT: Haneda, Hakodate, Onuma, Noboribetsu, Shiraoi, Yubari, Furano, Biei, Otaru, Sapporo & Ishikari

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Hakodate Motomachi Area, Mt. Hakodate Night-View Tour, Hakodate Morning Market, Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses, Goryokaku Tower, Goryokaku Park, Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Abbey, Onuma Quasi National Park, Shikabe Geyser Park, Shikabe Hamano Kasan Shokudo, Yakumo Parking Area, Shiraoi Egg Village Mother's +, Jigokudani, UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park, Yubari Melon Dome, Tomita Farm, Shikisai-no-Oka, Blue Pond, Shirahige Waterfall, Tanaka Sake Brewery, Otaru Canal, Music Box Museum, Kitaichi Glass Company, ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town, Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade, AEON MALL & Chitose Airport Domestic Terminal Shopping

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES: Cooking Lesson, Aizome Indigo Dyeing, Ice Cream Making & Sake Tasting

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Day 1: Wed, July 08 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu via Japan Airlines flt #73 at 12:45 pm.

Day 2: Thur, July 09 — HANEDA. Arrive at the Haneda International Airport at 3:55 pm. After entry formalities, walk to your hotel connected to the airport terminal. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. HOTEL VILLA FONTAINE GRAND HANEDA AIRPORT (1 Night) (D)

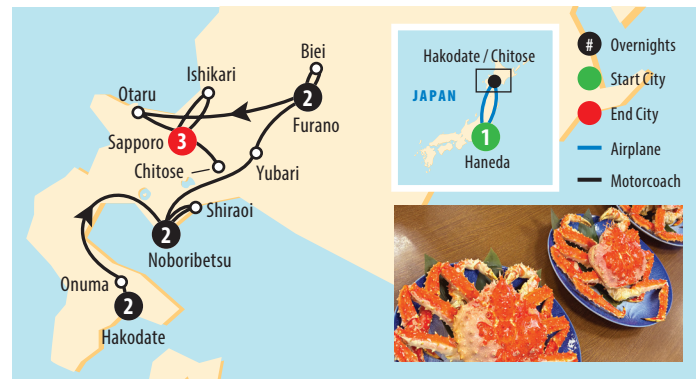
Day 3: Fri, July 10 — HANEDA — HAKODATE. After a breakfast buffet at your hotel, transfer back to the Haneda Airport terminal. Enjoy a bento box at the domestic departure gate. Depart Haneda Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #587 at 1:05 pm and arrive at the Hakodate Domestic Airport at 2:30 pm. Welcome to Hokkaido! Hakodate was one of the first ports in 1854 to open to foreign trade when Japan's era of isolation was coming to an end. Many traders from Russia, China, and countries from the West moved to Hakodate. Their influence can be seen in the Motomachi district, which became a favorite among the new foreign residents. Take a **walking tour of the Motomachi area**. After a **Kaiseki Dinner** at a local restaurant, take in the lovely **night-view** of the surrounding area from **Mt. Hakodate**. Arrive at the hotel for an evening of leisure. Relax in the hotel **onsen hot springs** — which are divided for men and women — whether indoors or outdoors. The high-quality service and facilities are sure to become some of your fondest memories of your visit to Japan. HOTEL & SPA CENTURY MARINA HAKODATE (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 4: Sat, July 11 — HAKODATE. After breakfast, walk to the world famous **Hakodate Morning Market**. View the variety of freshly caught seafood on display. Then spend some free time, for shopping and lunch (on your own), at the **Kanemori Red Brick Warehouses**. Renovated in 1909, these buildings now house trendy souvenir and fashion shops, sweet shops, restaurants, and a beer hall. After lunch, explore the 107 meter high **Goryokaku Tower**, located in **Goryokaku Park**. Next, visit Japan's first women's monastery, **Our Lady of the Angels Trappistine Convent**. Established in 1898, the building's architectural design combines both Gothic and Romanesque styles with vaulted arched ceilings and stained glass accents. The madeleine cakes made by the nuns are a unique and popular souvenir. After dinner at a local restaurant, return to the hotel for an evening of leisure. (B, D)

Day 5: Sun, July 12 — HAKODATE — ONUMA — NOBORIBETSU. After breakfast, depart Hakodate for **Onuma Quasi National Park** — where you can view the tranquil waters of Lake Onuma. Then visit the **Shikabe Geyser Park**, where at approximately 10 minute intervals, the geyser shoots up 500 liters of 100 degree boiling water 15 meters in the air. Take a **cooking lesson** at **Shikabe Hamano Kasan Shokudo**, and enjoy the tasty results for lunch. Stop at the **Yakumo Parking Area**, an unusual name for a road side stand that not only provides a clean and convenient rest stop, it's also a place to pick up local souvenirs of your trip. This particular stand also has panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Continue to Noboribetsu. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel tonight. Don't forget to try out the **onsen hot springs** after dinner. DAI-ICHI TAKIMOTOKAN (2 Nights) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mon, July 13 — NOBORIBETSU — SHIRAOI — NOBORIBETSU. Begin the day learning about **aizome**, a traditional Japanese **dyeing technique** that uses indigo dye to create patterns on fabric, historically for clothing, kimonos, and workwear. The process involves folding, tying, and binding the cloth to create resist patterns, then soaking it in a vat of natural indigo dye. After soaking, exposure to air oxidizes the fabric, turning it from greenish to a characteristic shade of blue. "Ai" means blue, and "zome" means dyeing, so aizome translates to "indigo dyeing." Stop at **Shiraoi Egg Village Mother's +** to shop for fresh egg and baked products. Before returning to the hotel for the evening, visit the main source of the town's hot spring waters, **Jigokudani** or "**Hell Valley**," a spectacular, appropriately named valley just above the town, which displays hot steam vents, sulfurous streams and other volcanic activity. Enjoy a special **Kaiseki Dinner** at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Tue, July 14 — NOBORIBETSU — YUBARI — FURANO. After breakfast, depart the hotel. This morning, visit the **UPOPOY National Ainu Museum and Park**, which opened on July 12, 2020. The mission of this museum is "to promote a proper understanding and awareness of Ainu history and culture in Japan and elsewhere out of respect for the dignity of the indigenous Ainu people, while contributing to the creation and development of new aspects of Ainu culture." Learn about the Ainu people and culture via short films shown on the large screen in the 96 seat theater, and through the various artifacts and displays set up in the exhibition rooms located on the 2nd floor of the museum. After lunch, stop at the **Yubari Melon Dome** where the popular character "Melon Bear" was born and where the orange-fleshed Yubari melon (Japan's Cadillac of melons) is showcased. You'll have the chance to enjoy an **"all you can eat"** session of these prized melons, along with time to shop for some melon related products. Continue to Furano, and check into the hotel. Enjoy a buffet dinner at the hotel. Don't forget to relax in the hotel **onsens** tonight. SHIN FURANO PRINCE HOTEL (2 Nights) (B, L, D)



Day 8: Wed, July 15 — FURANO — BIEI — FURANO. Begin the day **making ice cream using fresh Hokkaido milk and cream**. A refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Then visit **Tomita Farm**, simply the best spot to enjoy **seasonal flowers in bloom**. **Lavender** usually starts blooming in late June and reaches its peak around mid-July to early August. After lunch, explore the panoramic flower gardens of **Shikisai-no-Oka** provide spectacular views across the hills of the Biei area. The **Blue Pond**, located outside the onsen hot spring town of Shirogane Onsen, is named after its deep blue color, which it owes to natural minerals dissolved in the water area. While **Shirahige Falls**, a spectacular waterfall situated 600 meters above sea level, has white curtains of water cascading through gaps in the cliff — giving this natural landmark its name and means "white beard waterfall." Return to the hotel for a buffet dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Thur, July 16 — FURANO — OTARU — SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart Furano for Otaru, which served as a major trade and fishing port in the 1800s. Upon arrival in Otaru, visit the **Tanaka Sake Brewery** to learn how sake is made and to **sample some of their tasty products**. After lunch, begin your tour of Otaru with a **stroll along the Otaru Canal**. Next, explore the **Music Box Museum** before visiting the **Kitaichi Glass Company**. Non-drip or color changing shoyu bottles are a favorite omiyage gift to bring home from Otaru. Depart Otaru for Sapporo. The remainder of the evening is at your leisure. The Local Guide will have recommendations for nearby dining and shopping. KEIO PLAZA HOTEL SAPPORO (3 Nights) (B, L)

Day 10: Fri, July 17 — SAPPORO — ISHIKARI — SAPPORO. After breakfast, depart for the **ROYCE' Cacao and Chocolate Town** in Ishikari to learn how the famous ROYCE' chocolate treats are made. Receive a complimentary sample at the end of the tour. Lunch will be at a seafood wholesale market, where you will **pick out "LIVE" crabs** from the tanks, to enjoy along with a special kaisen don (fresh seafood over rice) lunch. After lunch, return to Sapporo for free time at the **Tanuki Koji Shopping Arcade**, the largest and oldest shopping arcade in Sapporo — which houses over 200 shops. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel for the evening. (B, L, D)

*One live crab for every 6th tour member; subject to weather conditions and availability.

Day 11: Sat, July 18 — SAPPORO. Day at leisure. Explore more of Sapporo on your own. Your Local Guide will be available to assist as needed. Need more opportunities to shop? Check out the MEGA Don Quijote Sapporo Tanukikoji Honten store. (B)

Day 12: Sun, July 19 — SAPPORO — CHITOSE — HANEDA — HONOLULU. After breakfast, depart the hotel. One last stop at an **AEON MALL**, with leisure time for shopping and lunch (on your own) before departing for the airport. Arrive early at the Chitose Airport and begin exploring the **shopping mall located within the Domestic Terminal**. Consisting of four floors of restaurants, shops, and activities, there's something for everyone. Those with a sweet tooth will enjoy the Sweets Zone, where you can enjoy Hokkaido sweets in a spacious and relaxing setting, and the ROYCE' Chocolate World (factory, museum, shop, and bakery) and LeTAO Chocolatier. The kids (and those young at heart) will enjoy the Doraemon Sky Park and Hello Kitty Happy Flight, which have an activity area, shop, and café (fees may apply) or the Pokémon store. UNIQLO aims to provide customers with "ultimate casual clothes." And there are more than two dozen shops at the airport that specialize in various fresh, frozen or dried seafood that can be eaten there or packed for you to bring home. Or you can relax in the airport onsen or movie theater (for a fee). Depart Chitose Domestic Airport via Japan Airlines flt #518 at 5:00 pm and arrive in the Haneda Domestic Airport at 6:45 pm. Depart Haneda International Airport via Japan Airlines flt #74 at 9:05 pm and arrive in Honolulu at 9:45 am the same day. Aloha and welcome home! (B)

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